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In re application of: Hirokazu KANEKIYO et al. Serial No.: 09/986,390 Filing Date: November 08, 2001 For: NANOCOMPOSITE MAGNET AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME	Art Unit: 2836 <i>1742</i> <i>Sheehan</i>
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of one (1) reference cited in the enclosed search report of a corresponding PCT patent application. For the Examiner's convenience we have enclosed a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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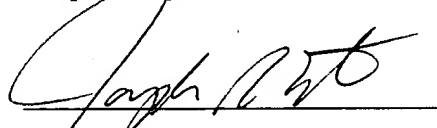
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Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the disclosed reference(s) be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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